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SUBJECT: AFRIKANER EDITOR SPEAKS OUT

DR WILLEM DE KLERK, ONE OF RSA'S MOST RESPECT AND WELL-KNOWN
AFRIKANER EDITORIS, SPENT THREE WEEKS IN THE UNITED STATES DURING
MAY, 1977. UPON HIS RETURN, HE WROTE A SERIES OF THREE ARTICLES
ON RSA/US RELATIONS BASED ON HIS IMPRESSION FROM THE VISIT.
FOLLOWING IS A SYNOPSIS OF THE THREE ARTICLES WHICH APPEARED ON
JUNE 15-16-17 IN HIS JOHANNESBURG DAILY, DIE TRANSVALER.

US POLICY---

THERE IS NO CLEAR POLICY TOWARDS SOUTH AFRICA. A NEW " BLUEPRINT"
FOR THE COUNTRY HAS NOT BEEN WORKED OUT YET AND SO FAR ONLY POLICY
TRENDS ARE INDICATED. PEOPLE ARE WAITING FOR PRESIDENT CARTER TO
TAKE THE LEAD. WHILE POLICY IS UNCLEAR THERE IS PHILOSOPHY BEHIND
IT WHICH IS VERY CLEAR. THAT IS, " THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE
VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS". THIS AFFECTS INTERNAL AS WELL AS
EXTERNAL POLICIES OF ADMINISTRATION. PRES. CARTER " HOPES TO
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MAKE A NAME FOR HIMSELF BY IMPLEMENTING THIS POLICY. ABROAD,
RSA IS THE " EASIEST AND MOST POPULAR PREY" AND IS BEING USED
TO FURTHER U.S. HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY.

US UNDERSTANDING--

MANY PEOPLE IN THE U.S. RECOGNIZE THAT RSA'S CASE IS DIFFERENT
AND THIS IS ENCOURAGING, YET THERE IS NO SOFTENING OF ATTITUDE.

THERE IS GENERAL RECGNITION THAT IF ONE-MAN-ONE-VOTE WERE IMPLEMENTED IMMEDIATELY, IT WOULD BE CHAOS.

SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT--

AMERICAN WRITE IT OFF AS FLAGRANT RACISM

AFRIKANERS--

THERE IS INFORMED OPINION IN THE U.S. ABOUT AFRIKANERS, ALSO RECOGNITION THAT THEY HAVE BROUGHT ABOUT SOME CHANGES. AMERICANS ACCEPT THE PLEDGE THAT AFRIKANERS WILL CHANGE OTHER THINGS.

US SELF-INTEREST --

U.S. AGGRESSIVE ATTITUDE AND THREATS TO RSA ARE PART OF AFRICA POLICY MOVE TO REGAIN LOST U.S. PRESTIGE HERE, ESPECIALLY WITH NYERERE AND KAUNDA. IN THIS WAY U.S. HOPES TO NEUTRALIZE USSR, TAKE INITIATIVE IN RHODESIAN NEGOTIATIONS AND OBTAIN A FOOTING IN NAMIBIA.

AMERICAN FEEL WHITE RULE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA " HAS HAD ITS DAY" AND NOW THEY MUST SEE TO IT THAT U.S. IS VIEWED FAVORABLY BY "UP-AND-COMING BLACK RULERS OF TOMORROW". ONLY THUS WILL U.S RETAIN INFLUENCE OVER STRATEGIC RSA.

SANCTIONS ---

AMERICAN HAS SEVERAL MEASURES UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION AND MANY PEOPLE ARE PRESSING USG TO IMPLEMENT THEM. MENTIONED ARE DOWNGRADING US MISSION, RECALLING MILITARY ATTACHE, UNCLASSIFIED

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AIDING RSA " REFUGEES", ORGANIZING DISCOURAGEMENT OF US INVESTMENT , CUTTING OFF IMF FUNDS, EMBARGOING EXPORTS TO RSA, EXPANDING ARMS EMBARGO, USG PRESSURING OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES TO WITHDRAW FROM HERE. JUSTIFICATION FOR THIS POLICY IS THAT U.S MUST HURT RSA IN ORDER TO BRING IT TO ITS SENSES THAT APARTHEID POLICY COULD UNLEASH A RACE WAR WHICH WOULD BENEFIT COMMUNISM. SOUTH AFRICANS SHOULD NOT BE AFRAID OF THREATS, MUST MOBILIZE BARGAINING POWERE AND LAUNCH COUNTER-OFFENSIVE. AT SAME TIME COUNTRY " MUST UPHOLD AND PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS AT ALL LEVELS OF SOCIETY".

CHANGES ACCEPTABLE TO AMERICANS ---

U.S. REALIZES REVOLUTIONARY CHANGE WOULD PROMOTE CHAOS; WHAT U.S. WANTS IS TEP-BY-STEP OPENING OF FACILITIES ON COMMON BASIS, REMOVAL OF ALL INSTITUTIONALIZED SEPARATENESS, REPEAT OF OFFENSIVE LAWS AND ABOLITION OF DICTATORIAL ONES, DEVELOPMENT TOWARDS " ONE-MAN ONE-VOTE, MAJORITY RULE, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND OPEN SOCIETY". ANY UMBRELLA PARLIAMENT BASED ON ETHNIC CONSIDERATIONS WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE. WHILE NOT ALL AMERICANS FEEL THIS WAY, IT IS THE PREVAILING VIEW. SOUTH AFRICANS MUST STAND FIRM AGAINST IT.

RSA POLICIES ---

SEARCHING LOOK MUST BE TAKEN AT INTERNAL POLICIES NOT FOR SAKE OF AMERICANS BUT FOR SAKE OF RSA PRINCIPLES AND OWN SURVIVAL, AND FOR THE SAKE OF COUNTRY AND ALL ITS PEOPLE. CONSENSUS WITHIN RSA AMONG ITS VARIOUS PEOPLES WILL SILENCE THE OUTSIDE WORLD. " THE ONLY THING THAT WILL AGAIN NORMALIZE OUR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IS INTERNAL MAJORITY SUPPORT FROM ALL POPULATION GROUPS FOR AN ACCEPTABLE POLITICAL CONCEP. PEOPLE MUST PLEDGE THE FOLLOWING POLITICAL PRINCIPLES: " RESPECT FOR AND PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS OF EVERYONE IN RSA; EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR EVERYONE; ONE-MAN ONE-VOTE WHICH GUARANTEES POLITICAL AUTONOMY ON BASIS OF GIVEN ETHNIC DIVERSITY; JOINT SAY ON MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST IN THE VARIOUS DECISION-MAKING BODIES; ELIMINATION OF COLOR DISCRIMINATION AT ALL LEVELS; FREE INTERACTION OF DIFFERENT

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COLOR COMMUNITIES AT CERTAIN LEVELS AT WHICH AMENITIES AND INTERESTS ARE SHARED". THIS POLICY MIGHT BE SUPPLEMENTED WITH CLEAR AND FULL POLICY FORMULATION WHICH COULD STAND AS A COVENANT OF POLITICAL PRINCIPLES, AN INTENT AIMED AT FURTHER POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS. THESE PRINCIPLES COULD BE POINT OF DEPARTURE, WITH FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS A MATTER OF EVOLUTION. " WHAT SHOULD BE PARTICULARLY VISIBLE IS THAT WE INVOLVE ALL INTERESTED GROUPS MEANINGFULLY IN THE JOIN EFFORTS TO SHAPE OUR POLITICAL FUTURE. AND ALSO A MORE DYNAMIC MARKETING PROCESS FOR OUR OBJECTIVES AND PROGRESS -- AT HOME AND ABROAD -- COULD RESULT IN A BIG BREAKTHROUGH.

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